The Navy comes in closest contact with the people of Cavite and Olongapo. Its policy is like that of the Army, to cooperate and help. That the Navy has done according to its best traditions,

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The Spaniards maintained a body of men in the Philippines to apprehend evil-doers known as the *guardia civil,* which was cordially detested. The problem confronting the American administration was to provide a police force to keep public order which, unlike the *guardia civil,* would not terrorize the people. The answer was found in the Philippine Constabulary.

The Philippine Constabulary is a general police force under military discipline. Fortunately, its duties have not been confined to policing the Islands. The Constabulary men have proved of the greatest assistance to the different branches of the government.

The strength of the Philippine Constabulary as recently increased is about nine thousand. An aviation unit is now a basic part of the organization. The Constabulary has been officered by Americans and Filipinos, but now has practically all Filipino officers. The Chief of Constabulary is Brigadier General Basilio J. Valdez, a Filipino doctor who served with the French Army in the World War, and who was previously the head of the Constabulary medical corps. The young officers are well trained at the Constabulary Academy in Baguio.

All in all the record made by the Constabulary is clean. Discipline has generally been maintained. The blackest mark

on the Constabulary escutcheon was furnished by the riot in Manila in 1920, when Constabulary soldiers, under their non-commissioned officers, shot out their alleged grievances with the Manila police. It became my painful duty to sentence these misguided men, which I did by decreeing the death

* See Major Emanuel A. Baja, *PMlifpine Police System and Its Problems* (1933**)>** Parts I, il.